

Winchester San Tomas

# THE EDEN EXAMINER

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**Next Meeting:** *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.*

Guest Speakers: Councilmember Dave Cortese & Councilmember Chuck Reed

Topic: Meet the Candidates for Mayor

### August 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Agenda

- Committee reports
- Guest Speakers: San Jose City Councilmembers *Dave Cortese* and *Chuck Reed*. Meet the candidates. Dave Cortese and Chuck Reed have both announced that they will run for Mayor of San Jose in the next election. Come meet them, tell them your major concerns, and let them tell us why we should give them our votes.

### **Another Successful ENA Family Summer Picnic**

Our annual ENA picnic was held at the Primary Plus School on June 25<sup>th</sup>. About 200 of our neighbors attended. The children assembled in the parking lot at 1:30pm, and they stepped off to a boom box playing patriotic music for a parade through the neighborhood.

At 2pm, Melia Mann and her National Puppet Theater presented Peter and the Wolf in the school auditorium. Everyone enjoyed the show. Afterwards and throughout the day, Sue Fettchenhauer and Joe Demetrovich provided us with the sounds of music.



Our new neighbor, Penny Brennan of Walton Way kept the children busy with game and prizes. We also had the Astro Jump and after a meal of hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, and coleslaw, played Bingo with prizes donated by neighborhood merchants.



The composting education, mercury thermometer exchange, and Children's I.D. kit tables were well received. The Grocery Outlet donated \$50.00, which were used for the rolls, watermelons, and miscellaneous. Happy Donuts on Winchester in the Safeway shopping center, donated 10 dozen donuts, which along with our ice cream was the dessert. A thank you note and plant went to Linda at Primary Plus. A gift also went to Sue Fettchenhauer, who donated her time, but Joe was paid for his services.

- Elaine Marron

## President's Message Betty Kabanek

I'm always amazed at the wonderful volunteers who work so hard to make the ENA a successful organization. Elaine Marron and Mary Ann Lucero, with the help of numerous others, put on a terrific picnic. Good food, good entertainment, and good friends made the day very special. Many, many thanks.

National Night Out ("NNO") will be over when this newsletter is published, but according to Armin Quiring, we will have over 20 locations for this annual event. Talking to potential hosts, purchasing supplies, and organizing the delivery of host packages is a daunting task. The volunteers remind me of little ducks swimming across the water. It looks easy, but under the water the little feet are paddling like crazy. NNO seems to run smoothly, but behind the scenes a lot of people are working hard. Many thanks.

And did you notice that the dead trees at Primary Plus are finally gone? It's taken awhile because the Moreland School District doesn't have any excess funds. However, I think they recognize the safety issues and did the right thing. I'm hoping we'll be able to get some new trees planted to replace the ones that were taken out. Carl Shoemaker and Brett Carpenter are heading up that project. We believe that a nice looking school yard enhances the whole neighborhood.

There are plenty of other volunteers. Some you see quite often. Others you never see, but they're there, working together for a *safe, clean, friendly neighborhood*. Thank you.

### Meet Your ENA Volunteers

This month's volunteer is Bret Carpenter (ENA Vice-President, and acting Secretary). He is a very happy participant in the Eden Neighborhood Association since 1994. Bret and his wife Yvette (yes, that rhymes), are involved with local businesses at Santana Row & in the Safeway Shopping Center.

You will often see them walking the neighborhood with their dogs. Please say "hi" anytime.



## Beautification Committee



Would some one like to plant flowers in a 12 x 12 foot planting area? If so, please call me at (408) 244-2464. The pansies have died, and new flowers are needed. Also, I would appreciate help from anyone who can help pull weeds and grass from our flower beds. And please help out by picking up a piece of litter. Thanks to Betty Kabanek and Jim Macfarlane (new Moreland School Board Member), the three dead trees on the Primary Plus playground have been taken down, and some of the rotted stumps removed. What an improvement! Thanks!

- Carl Shoemaker

### ENA Sends A Big "THANK YOU" to Local Merchants

The Eden Neighborhood Association would like to thank the following merchants for helping make the 2005 ENA Family Summer Picnic a big success:

- Baskin Robbins (Winchester & Payne) – Ten free kid's scoop gift certificates
- Grocery Outlet (Williams) - \$50.00 gift certificate
- Happy Donuts (Winchester) – Ten Dozen Doughnuts
- Kragen Auto Parts (Winchester & Payne) – 2 coils of tie-down rope, and a shop clock
- Melting Pot (city of Morgan Hill) – Six \$10.00 gift certificates
- Men's Den Barber Shop (Williams) – One free haircut
- Royal Wines (Williams) – Two cases of bottled water
- Safeway (Winchester & Payne) - \$20.00 gift card
- 7-11 (Payne) – Three cases of bottled water
- Sparkle Cleaners (Payne) – Six \$10.00 gift certificates
- Starbucks (Winchester & Payne) – 4 1/2 pounds of coffee
- Taco Bell (Winchester & Payne) – Twenty \$1.49 gift certificates
- Togo's Eatery (Winchester & Payne) - \$10.00 gift certificate
- Tony & Alba's Pizza & Pasta (Stevens Creek) – One large pizza
- Golfsmith Golf Shop (Stevens Creek) – Two boxes of Top Flight golf balls

- Mary Ann Lucero

## Working Toward a Safe, Clean, Friendly Neighborhood

### Dumpster Day Update

We need volunteers for Dumpster Day. There will be a need for about 20 volunteers. Please call Mario at (408) 482-5731 or email him at mariorv @ sbcglobal.net to volunteer. Dumpster Day is on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> on Amber Drive in front of the Primary Plus School. The dumpsters will be in place at 6:30am and cleared by 11:00am. Don't forget, the rule is that you must be paid up and in good standing by the September General Meeting to dump free. Otherwise, you will have to pay \$25.00 to be able to dump. This expensive project is funded only by membership dues. Additional information on material disposal will be in the September 2005 Newsletter.

- Mario Vazquez

### Supreme Court Ruling on Eminent Domain Raising Some Concerns

A recent Supreme Court decision giving governments more latitude in taking private property through eminent domain has concerned many property owners.

Information can be found at numerous publications and websites including:

San Jose Mercury News Article:

<http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/business/11974262.htm>

Coalition for Redevelopment Reform:

<http://www.coalitionforredevelopmentreform.org/>

- Information provided by Betty Kabanek

### Upcoming Calendar of Events

- Aug 09 GM: Meet the Candidates
- Sept 13 GM: San Jose Police Chief Davis
- Sept 17 ENA 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dumpster Day
- Oct 11 GM: Mercury News - Dennis Rockstroh
- Oct 15 ENA 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation
- Nov 08 General Meeting
- Dec 17 ENA 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Festival of Lights"

### Some Info About Our Candidates

Chuck Reed is a SJC Councilmember who chairs the Making Government Work Better Committee. Chuck was a member of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Ethics that was responsible for revising the City's ethics code. Chuck has been the Council's leading advocate for fiscal responsibility & open government. Chuck had decades of public service before being elected to the SJC Council, including serving as Chair of the Santa Clara County Planning Commission, Chair of the San Jose Planning Commission, Chair of the board of the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, President of the San Jose Downtown Association, Founder & President of the Berryessa Education Foundation, Director and Secretary of Land Trust of Santa Clara County, Board member of Walk San Jose, and as a Captain in the US Air Force. Chuck has been an attorney in private practice in San Jose since 1978, specializing in environmental, employment, land use & real estate law, and commercial litigation. Chuck has been married to Paula Reed for over 35 years. They have two children, Alex Reed, who recently graduated from Santa Clara University, and Captain Kim Campbell, who is an Air Force fighter pilot.

Dave Cortese, a SJC Councilmember, places high priority on transportation issues, housing, education, neighborhood business & traffic improvements. He has been a leader in promoting tougher ethical standards at City Hall. Dave was first elected to the San Jose City Council in the Fall of 2000. He mediated a compromise between landlords and tenants rights advocates triggered by a proposed "Just Cause Eviction" ordinance, and has been a strong, vocal advocate for bringing BART to the South Bay. Prior to the city council, Dave served on the East Side Union High School Board of Trustees, and served as President of the Board on two occasions. Dave chaired the Evergreen Valley High School "new school committee," and co-chaired a successful \$80 million bond campaign which led to the completion of the first new high school in Silicon Valley in over twenty-five years. Dave was educated at Bellarmine College Prep, Santa Clara University, UC Davis, and Lincoln University Law School. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, and a Juris Doctorate in Law with certifications in Environmental Law and Mediation. He lives with his wife Pattie & four children, David, Jr., Gina, Angela, and Matthew in the Evergreen area.

## **Neighbors, We'd Like Your Help - Mario Vazquez**

ENA now stands at 366 members. Some 50 members overlooked their membership and have not renewed. There were 34 new members this year.

ENA extends a hearty welcome to the following new members: Gay Winkelbrandt Baker, Rich & Wendy Capen, Herlindo & Katherine Noller Fernandez, Patricia Fraguglia, and Joe & Stephanie Steffey. Welcome aboard and plan to participate in ENA's events.

ENA wants to thank the following renewing members for their continued support:

Haider & Buniaty Alhadi	Nat Gurumoorthy & Jackie	Francis Pisano
Peggy & Gary Amstutz	Funk	Al & Leslie Posada
Mark & Gail Avila	Natalie Kanzaki	Stephen & Christine Sedler
Narayan & Vidya	Faith King	Jim & Lizy Shepherd
Balasubramanian	Janet Kulig	Rob & Stacey Silva
Soumya & Piu Banerjee	Walt & Jane Kwant	Tom & Mary Slattery
Dale Barr	Kevin & Victoria Lane	Ramaswamy Srikant
Marty & Kate Brill	Francis Leong	Gayatri Subramaniam
John & Sharon Cahill	Joseph Liotta	Ravishankar & Prema Sundaresan
Fernando & Dale Capulong	Sal & Mary Lipari	Ron & Marian Tabuchi
Chul & Thu-Nguyet Choi	Ken & Clara Livak	Wilson & Susan Taguinod
Patricia Fraguglia	Clark & Marsha Maloney	Ray & Liz Tanaka
Richard & Vangie Fuhrman	Horace & Elena Nevarez	Bruce & Anne Thompson
Matt & Nenette Gallaway	Ned & Kelly Nix	Jean Tomasello
Jay & Kathy Garcia	Ted & Julie Osier	Venkat & Sandhya Viswanathan
Betsy Gebhart	Nick & Sue Palermo	Jack Guerico & Vivian James
Mary Ann Henderson	Charles & Lucille Pillers	Mark & Margaret Womack

If you have any questions, call Mario at (408) 482-5731 or sent him a note at [mariov @ sbcglobal.net](mailto:mariov@sbcglobal.net)

## **ENA Greetings to Neighborhood Babies**

ENA welcomes the newest members of our neighborhood:

- ❖ November 6, 2004: Timothy Allan Posselt, son of Jason and Karen Posselt on Runnymede Drive.
- ❖ November 25, 2004: Sophia Claire Brooks Dodson, daughter of Steve Dodson and Stephanie Brooks on Bon Air Court.
- ❖ May 30, 2005: Heather Nicole Beam, daughter of Ron and Lisa Beam on Walton Way.
- ❖ July 19, 2005: Srushti Talluri, daughter of Srinivas & Chandra Talluri on Yuba Avenue.



## **ENA Playgroup - Janet Boike**

Come join the ENA playgroup. We have infants to school aged kids looking for new friends to play with. The playgroup meets twice a month. In August, the group will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday (August 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>) at 10 am at the JD Morgan Park (San Tomas Expressway and Budd Ave), on the Budd Ave side. If you would like to be added to the email listing, please contact me via email [janetboike @ yahoo.com](mailto:janetboike@yahoo.com) or phone (408) 249-2993 with your email address. We hope to see you there.



## **A Grandmother's Love - Mario Vazquez**

For the love of the latest ENA resident Srushti, daughter of Srinivas & Chandra Talluri, her grandparents traveled here from India. She was born on July 19<sup>th</sup>. And while children love to use sidewalk chalk to scribble, her grandmother did some beautiful intricate Indian Art in Srushti's honor. You can see it on the walkway to her home at the Southwest corner of Runnymede Drive and Yuba Ave.